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SUBJ: MARCOS' SPEECH: GUARD DOG: AND MILITARY TRAINING

REF: (A) MANILA 8297; (B) MANILA 8301; (C) MANILA 8130

1. YOUR RECOMMENDATION IN REFTTEL A REGARDING A RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS' COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN HIS SPEECH ON MEMORIAL DAY IS A GOOD ONE. PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP SUGGESTED TEXT FOR A VANCE-MARCOS LETTER, SO WE MAY CONSIDER IT. ALSO, IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT MARCOS HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET ANSWERED THE PRESIDENT'S EARLIER LETTER SHOULD WE SEND A SECOND LETTER? I WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS.

2. REGARDING THE DOG BITE PROBLEM AT CLARK, WHY DOESN'T CLARK MUZZLE ITS DOGS AS SUBIC DOES? WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU HAVE.

3. I GENUINELY APPRECIATE THE SPIRIT OF OPENNESS YOU DISPLAYED IN FORWARDING THE OBJECTIONS OF FSO'S WENZEL, SALMON AND PRINCLE TO AN EXPANDED MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE PHILIPPINES. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO FORWARD THEIR POSITION EVEN THOUGH YOU
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DISAGREE WITH IT, IS TRULY IN KEEPING WITH THE NEW SPIRIT WHICH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS BROUGHT TO THE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO SINCE YOU WELL KNOW THAT I MAY SIDE WITH THE LOWER-RANKING OFFICERS AGAINST YOU.

4. SITTING IN PARIS IT IS HARD TO JUDGE HOW WE SHOULD

FINALLY COME DOWN ON THIS ISSUE. PRESUMING THAT THIS IS A FY-79 PROPOSAL, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET IT THROUGH BOTH OMB AND THE CONGRESS. WE HAD AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME DEFENDING THIS YEAR'S BUDGET REQUEST ON THE HILL AND WE WOULD ANTICIPATE EVEN MORE RESISTANCE TO EXPANDING TRAINING NEXT YEAR. THE POINTS YOU MAKE AT THE END OF THE CABLE ARE GOOD ONES HOWEVER, AND IT IS NOT CERTAIN NOW HOW WE WILL COME OUT. WHATEVER OUTCOME, IT IS AS YOU SAID, GOOD TO HAVE OFFICERS WHO WILL DISAGREE WITH YOU. IT IS ALSO GOOD TO HAVE SUPERIORS WHO ARE WILLING TO REPORT THAT DISAGREEMENT FORWARD IN A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

GAMMON

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